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1. SERIES OF ARTICLES IN APRIL 20 CAIRO PRESS KEEPS UP
PRESSURE OF CHARGES AGAINST QADHAFI:

(A) TRAINING OF TERRORISTS. VP MUBARAK IS QUOTED AS
SAYING PREVIOUS DAY IN ABU DHABI THAT QADHAFI IS SQUANDERING
LIBYAN PEOPLE'S MONEY ON TRAINING OF TERRORISTS INTENDED
TO ATTACK EGYPT. QADHAFI "PERSONNELLY SUPERVISING" TRAINING
OF 17 JAPANESE RED ARMY MEMBERS AND SOME GERMAN NATIONALS,
ALL OF WHOM ARE AT CAMP NEAR TRIPOLI AND WHOSE MISSION WILL
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BE TO ASSASSINATE "SOME ARAB LEADERS". QADHAFI ALSO TRAINING
SUDANESE INSURGENTS AND CONTINUES TO SEND ARMS TO ETHIOPIA
FOR USE AGAINST SUDAN.

(B) LIBYAN RESENTMENT OF QADHAFI. "REPORTS FROM LIBYA"
AFFIRM ENTIRE UBAYDAT TRIBES, LARGEST IN JABAL AKHDAR, HAS
ANNOUNCED ITS OPPOSITION TO QADHAFI BECAUSE OF HIS BARBARIC

EXECUTION OF 45 OFFICERS. QADHAFI HAS BEEN "SEIZED WITH FIT OF HYSTERICAL TERROR" AS RESULT OF RISING POPULAR RESENTMENT AND HAS RESORTED TO EFFORTS FRIGHTEN LIBYAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING EXECUTION WITHOUT TRIAL.

(C) ALEXANDRIA TRAIN. TWO SABOTEURS CONVICTED OF BLOWING UP TRAIN IN ALEXANDRIA LAST AUGUST WILL BE HANGED TODAY.

(D) SAUDI MEDIATION. GUMHURIYYA REPRINTS ON PAGE ONE STORY FROM SAUDI DAILY UKAZ WHICH REPORTED PRINCE FAHD WILL INVITE SADAT AND QADHAFI TO RIYADH IN EFFORT RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

(E) MIG 25'S IN LIBYA. EGYPTIAN WEEKLY AKHIR SA'A, CITING SECRET INFORMATION LEADED FROM TRIPOLI, CLAIMS MIG 25 SQUADRONS, PILOTED BY SOVIETS, HAVE ARRIVED AT AIRPORTS ESTABLISHED BY SOVIET EXPERTS NEAR TRIPOLI AND TOBRUK. MAGAZINE COMMENTS THIS IS FIRST TIME USSR HAS DELIVERED MIG 25'S TO COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT WARSAW PACT MEMBER. MAGAZINE ASKS: HAS LIBYA SECRETLY JOINED THE WARSAW PACT?"

(F) KING HASAN'S CONTEMPT. ALL PAPERS FEATURE HASAN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH JOURNALISTS IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, HASAN REPORTEDLY SAID LIBYANS WOULD NEED 30 YEARS TO ASSIMULATE SOVIET WEAPONS THEY HAVE PURCHASED.

(G) REP. WOLFF. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAPERS, NOT ARABIC PRESS, REPORTS CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S DESCRIPTION OF QADHAFI AS "VERY UNSTABLE INDIVIDUAL."
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2. COMMENT: NO COMMENTARY ON VARIOUS REPORTS THAT SAUDIS AND/OR ARAB LEAGUE MIGHT MEDIATE BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. GIVEN FACT THAT SADAT IS CONVINCED QADHAFI IS NOT RATIONAL, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE SADAT UNLIKELY ACCEPT NOTION THAT MEDIATION COULD SUCCEED.
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